

I, Kimberly Stoner, am writing in support of SB 176 with suggested additions. I am a member of 350 CT and the Connecticut Climate Crisis Mobilization and a resident of New Haven.

I have to admit that I have not been able to analyze the language of this bill in detail, but I support these aspects of the bill:

- Increasing the size of the shared clean energy program from 25 to 35 MW
- Allowing the electric distribution companies to own shared solar projects
- Allowing commercial and industrial companies to use their entire roofs for shared solar.

I also support that the shared clean energy program explicitly focuses on low and moderate income participants.

My understanding is that there is much more for the General Assembly to do to encourage clean renewable energy in the state:

- Eliminate the cap on virtual net metering
- Raise the cap on commercial solar.

There is a long way to go in reaching the goal of 100% clean energy generation by 2040, and this bill provides a start. Improvements on the bill would help to move us faster to an even sooner goal.

Sincerely,

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